CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	IMG_6324
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1900176.003
Medium:	Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	26 July 2019
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	26 July 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The file is a CGI image depicting two young boys involved in sexual activity together. It is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image is clearly intended for the arousal of those with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest. This image could also be used to groom children for sexual exploitation. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from such exploitation.